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MERGER OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to merge some Centrally sponsored schemes in agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes;

(c) whether the Government have also scrapped some of the schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(e) the manner in which the farmers are likely to be benefited as a result thereof; and

(f) by when the merged schemes are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): The details of centrally sponsored schemes implemented in the terminal year of the Ninth Plan and proposed to be implemented in the Tenth Five Year Plan are as follows:-

S.No.	Schemes implemented in the terminal year of Ninth Plan	Schemes proposed to be implemented in the Tenth Five Year Plan
1.	Technology Mission on Cotton	Technology Mission on Cotton
2.	On Farm Water Management	On Farm Water Management
3.	Oilseed Production Programme (OPP)	Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize. (ISOPAM)
4.	National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	
5.	Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP)	
6.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)	
7.	Technology Mission on Horticulture Development in North-Eastern States including Sikkim.	Technology Mission on Horticulture Development in North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttranchal.
8.	Agriculture Census	Agriculture Census
9.	Macro Management in Agriculture	Macro Management in Agriculture
10.	Improvement of Crop Statistics	Improvement of Agricultural Statistics
11.	Timely Reporting Scheme	
12.	Establishment of Agency for Reporting of Agricultural Statistics	
13.	Crop Estimation Survey on fruits and vegetables and minor crops	

14. Assistance for Cooperative, Marketing, processing in the under-developed/least developed States.
15. Share Capital participation in growers cooperative spinning mills.
16. Share capital participation in growers cooperative sugar mills.

These Schemes have been proposed to be merged alongwith other Schemes into a single Central Sector Scheme `Assistance to National Cooperative Development Corporations (NCDC) Programme`

The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation had undertaken Zero Based BudgetingExercise which resulted in reduction of sixteen Centrally Sponsored Schemes into sevenCentrally Sponsored Schemes and one Central Sector Scheme.The reduction in number of Schemes is simply due to the merger of Schemes while no Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been dropped/discontinued.

The merger of Schemes will provide flexibility to the State Governments inoperationalisation and optimum utilization of central assistance. It will have a positive impact on all category farmers including small and marginal farmers.

(f): The merged Scheme `Improvement of Agriculture Statistics` has been approved forimplementation. EFC meetings for merged scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, OilPalm and Maize (ISOPAM)` and Assistance to National Cooperative Development Corporations (NCDC) Programme` are likely to be held soon.